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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED DUTY INCREASES ON WOOD PRODUCTS

REF: (A) STATE 097350, (B) CANBERRA 2195, (C) CANBERRA 2062

1. INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION HEARINGS APRIL 5 ON ITS DRAFT REPORT ON WOOD PRODUCTS SPANNED THREE DAY PERIOD, WITH TENS OF WITNESSES. UNLIKE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS, WHICH ARE ON A SHORT FUSE, IAC PROCEEDINGS PROVIDE FOR IN-DEPTH STUDIES WITH MINIMAL TIME CONSTRAINTS. IN VIEW OF HEATED CRITICISM OF DRAFT REPORT FROM ALL SIDES, IT IS LIKELY TO BE SOME TIME BEFORE FINAL REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

2. WEYERHAUSER MANAGING DIRECTOR DICK DARNOCK WAS ONLY U.S. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE TO IAC. DARNOCK INFORMED COMATT THAT PACIFIC LUMBER EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION DECIDED NOT TO TESTIFY, AND THAT ITS MEMBERS INSTEAD SENT TELEXES TO IAC. TELEXES, BEING UNSWORN, ARE INADMISSABLE AS EVIDENCE, BESIDES MISSING THE POINT OF IAC PROCEEDINGS. FORTUNATELY, DARNOCK TESTIMONY BEFORE IAC WAS EXCELLENT, A TRULY FIRST-CLASS PRESENTATION.

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3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DARNOCK SINCE BEFORE HEARINGS AND WILL BE CONSULTING WITH HIM FURTHER IN PREPARING EMBASSY ARGUMENTATION. PRESENT THINKING IS THAT EMBASSY WILL MAKE APPROACH TO TRADE AND RESOURCES AT E/C COUNSELOR LEVEL EVEN BEFORE IAC REPORT IS COMPLETED, WITH SUBSEQUENT POST-IAC-REPORT REPRESENTATIONS AT THIS OR HIGHER LEVEL.
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